# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3097
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2000
WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PANEL
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

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(a) Whether the European Union has dragged India to the World Trade Organisation for establishment of dispute settlement panel to examine complaint against New Delhi investment regime in the automobile sector (

(b) if so, whether India has expressed serious disappointment over European Union`s approach in seeking the intervention of the trade body; (

(c) the outcome of the complaint; (

(d) whether India has offered for settlement outside the World Trade Organisation ; and (

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

( SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH )

(a) to (c) : The European Union has requested the WTO to establish a dispute settlement panel to examine the WTO inconsistency of India`s auto policy regime. India has expressed its disappointment at EU`s request and submitted that the measures referred to by EU are not inconsistent with India`s obligations under the cited WTO Agreements. The Dispute Settlement Body has decided that the Panel established earlier to examine US`s complaint will now jointly examine EC`s complaint also.

( d ) : No, Sir

( e ) : Does not arise, Sir